

**Special Meeting of the Burrillville Town Council to be held Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room, Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library, 100 Tinkham Lane, Harrisville, for and within the Town of Burrillville.**

**PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson**

**MEMBERS ABSENT: Edward J. Blanchard excused**

**Others Present: Steven Pristawa, P.E. and Jill Naciamento from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation; Jeffrey McCormick, Burrillville Department of Public works, Senator Paul W. Fogarty**

**Regarding discussions and considerations with Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) staff relative to traffic control and intersections in the Town of Burrillville.**

**Council President Nancy F. Binns called the meeting to order and turned the discussion to RIDOT staff for presentation.**

**Consider and act on traffic control options for the intersection of Route 107 and Harrisville Main Street**

**Steven Pristawa, P.E. of the Rhode Island Department of**

Transportation provided background of earlier traffic control configurations, the Town Council's requests for changes at the intersection of Harrisville Main Street and East Avenue and the results of the study performed by Pare Corporation. The intersection history was reviewed. Seven options that were studied were reviewed and analyzed. Short-term options identified were: maintaining existing control, all-way stop, three-way stop and two-way stop. Long-term options included a modern roundabout, mini-roundabout and a traffic signal. It had been determined that the intersection was not eligible for a traffic signal under federal requirements. A copy of Mr. Pristawa's presentation is on file with the record of the minutes.

Mr. Pristawa accepted questions from the Town Council, Administration and the public. Concerns included:

- Problems associated with drivers ignoring current controls
- Potential issues for school bus maneuvering roundabouts
- Pedestrian traffic
- Visibility and parking
- Roundabout design issues such as existing trees, utility poles, etc.
- Safety, accidents, driving habits and volume of traffic
- Crosswalk relocation

Among the suggestions by those present were:

- Larger yield and stop signs
- Implementing four-way stop
- Increased police enforcement

**When asked, Mr. Pristawa suggested that the best short-term solution would be a three-way stop and that the intersection would be a good candidate for a mini roundabout as a long-term solution. All concerns and suggestions were discussed. Mr. Pristawa was thanked for his time and attention to the matter.**

**Consider and act on 1R Improvements to Route 107, Route 100 to 250' West of Union Avenue; consider and act on certain intersection alternatives related to RI Contract No. 2000-EH-004.**

**Jeffrey McCormick, Director of Public Works and Engineering Services, explained that the state's project for improvement to Route 107 and Route 100 is in the design phase and that the Town Council's input on certain intersections was being sought. The intersections under discussion were:**

- Intersection of Pascoag Main Street and The Bridgeway**
- Intersection of Pascoag Main Street and North Main Street**
- Intersection o Pascoag Main Street and Elm Street**

**Mr. McCormick made a presentation showing options for the intersections that had been considered and discarded. He showed plans of the preferred configuration of each intersection and explained the concepts. A copy of the presentation is on file with the record of the meeting.**

**The plans were discussed. There was suggestion that consideration should be given to improving the line of vision at the egress to Spring Street.**

**VOTED to approve the preferred designs for the three intersection configurations.**

**Motion by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard was excused.**

**It was noted that enhancements to the intersection of Pascoag Main Street/High Street/Sayles Avenue/South Main Street had been considered but ultimately discarded by the RI DOT. There was discussion of sight-line problems on High Street proximate to the CVS entrance and Church Street.**

**MOTION to adjourn.**

**Motion by Councilor Wallace F. Lees, Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. No vote was taken.**

**There was further discussion of the recommendation to RI DOT**

**relative to the intersection of East Avenue and Harrisville Main Street.**

**MOTION to approve the three-way stop sign.**

**Motion by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. There was no second to the motion.**

**There was further discussion of the short term and long term solutions put forward by RI DOT. The procedure for state road improvements was reviewed. There was an additional suggestion to ask RI DOT to consider two lanes heading westerly towards the end of East Avenue to address the traffic problem created by left turn vehicles. There was discussion of problems with the current crosswalk being too close to the intersection for pedestrians to cross safely.**

**VOTED to approve a change changing the area of East Avenue and Harrisville Main Street to a three-way stop sign by changing the yield sign on East Avenue to a stop sign, which would also include moving a crosswalk further down towards the Assembly and also with some type of a stop sign warning on the pavement on Route 107 west heading towards Harrisville.**

**Motion by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. Seconded by Councilor Stephen N. Rawson. The vote carried, five in favor, one excused. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy**

**F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor David J. Place voted in opposition. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard was excused.**

**There was discussion that the short-term solution might suffice. However, if problems continued the Town Council might in the future request a mini-roundabout or turning lane on East Avenue.**

**VOTED to adjourn at 9:00 P.M.**

**Motion by Councilor Kimberly Brissette Brown. Seconded by Councilor David J. Place. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor of the motion were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Kimberly Brissette Brown, John F. Pacheco III, David J. Place and Stephen N. Rawson. Councilor Edward J. Blanchard was excused.**

**The meeting was recorded.**

**Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk**